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SUBJECT: KAGNEW 4: ITALIAN REPORTS

REFS: A) ADDIS ABABA 11549 B) ROME 13869

1. BY UNCLASSIFIED SEPTTEL EMBASSY IS REPORTING HIGHLIGHTS OF ARTICLE CARRIED IN L'ESPRESSO 28 SEPTEMBER, PERTAINING TO AMERICAN HOSTAGES IN ERITREA.

2. ITALIAN CONTACT WHO ORIGINALLY PROVIDED INFORMATION ON HOSTAGES REPORTED REF B HAS CONFIRMED THAT HIS SOURCE AND AUTHOR OF L'ESPRESSO ARTICLE, MARGHERITA PAOLINI, ARE THE SAME. OUR CONTACT DOUBTS PAOLINI WILL REVEAL SITE OF HER CONTACT WITH CAMPBELL AND HARREL BUT WILL SEEK WHATEVER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION HE CAN DISCREETLY ELICIT.

3. RE SPECIFIC QUERIES OF REF A, ARTICLE STATES THAT PAOLINI'S SESSION WITH HOSTAGES TOOK PLACE IN "HEART OF ERITREA" ABOUT AUGUST 25. IT IDENTIFIES THE "POPULAR FORCES" OF THE ELF AS BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ATTACK AND KIDNAPPINGS OF SEPTEMBER 12, BUT DOES NOT SPECIFY THAT SAME GROUP AS PERPETRATOR OF JULY 13
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KIDNAPPINGS OF CAMPBELL AND HARREL OR AS BEING CURRENT GUARDS.

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